#### THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS.

Tanner Accounts for Ohio's Vote. One of the causes was the antipathy and objection to civil service reform. All over the state can be found intelligent, earnest men who have looked back on the victory of a year ago who wanted something given them for doing good service, and they found this Chinese god set up in the many men have taken a crack at civil publican. service by their ballot.-[Corporal Tanner.

The Mugwumps Did It. Iowa gone democrat! What is the country coming to? The everlasting them all was the brilliant success bottom of things seems to be drop- of the "Australian" ballot reform. ping out. In 1881 the republican We congratulate the people at candidate for governor of the Hawk- large on this most auspicious ineve state was elected by a majority of nearly 60,000. From these figures to a democratic majority of 5,000 is a tremendous sweep of the pendulum. A violent epidemic of mugwumpery must have broken out on the prairie bottoms where voting the straight ticket has usually been considered a cardinal virtue.-[Portland Advertiser, republican.

The Defeats Are Medicinal. The defeats this year are medicinal. The republican party ought to make the best possible use of them. If they teach leaders that it is not sensible to disregard public opinion, if they help the administration to realize where its true friends are, if they warn voters that indifference and laziness put in peril the interests which they profess to hold dearest, if they show managers where the party organization is deficient, they will do more good than harm .- [New York Tribune, republican.

The Leaven Working. "It is evident," that the leaven of tariff reform has at last leavened the whole lump. The West, which has suffered the most from the unjust burden of tariff taxation, has awakened. The state platforms of both Iowa and Ohio were abreast of the St. Louis platform on the subject of tariff reform. The people have considered and passed judgment. It was for the people to decide. They are now deciding. It is enough for me to say that I am satisfied at the indications and results of Tuesday's elections. The verdict in Virginia indicates that the South is still faithful to the democracy of Jefferson and Jackson.-[Ex-President Cleve-

Must Revise the Tariff. Or, to express the same idea positive- | \* \* This result will give a greatim- | blame me if you get left." ly, the leaders of the republican party must insist upon an aggressive and What Mr. Harrison Ought to See.

This adverse verdict in every portion of the country cannot be misinterpreted. It cannot be said to be based on the tariff issue alone, but plainly that had much to do with it, and the blindest must see that it will not do to try to carry out the bargain made in the Senate bill. And in addition to what the country has clearly said on the tariff, we should say that Mr. Harrison and his advisers could make out what it has to say on the civil service. They must at least understand, as they survey the figures of the elections of Tuesday, that the spoils system has not helped them. Can they see that it will not help them, but hurt them, in the future?-[New York Times, independent.

Hill and New York Necessary. The result of the recent elections in the others, however, have been to increase rather than diminish New York's importance as the decisive state in presidential contests, and to make her more than ever the great electorial prize. The blows to the republicans in Virginia, Ohio, Massachusetts and Iowa show that the pinch of the struggle in 1892 will be here, as it was here in 1876, in 1880, in 1884 and in 1888. And it will be in New York, it confirms with the emphasis of seven years uninterrupt-New York is a democratic state. All inspiration of a democrat at the front.-[New York Sun, democrat.

A Severe Rebuke. buked. Its tariff policy is not growing in popularity. Its extravagant schemes for making government expenditures equal the revenue in order to preserve and perpetuate the wartax burdens are not meeting with general favor. The voters are beginning to view with disapproval an extreme tariff which taxes domestic production far more than it protects. of more room for the play of American labor, and they are unable to see how, if this growth of trade with our neighbors be so much more desirable than otherwise, a tariff designed to tax it out of existence is also desirable.-[Springfield Republican, independent.

### THE INDEPENDENT VOTER.

scorn and disrepute. Yet a well bal- majority seems to be but three, and speech, not to say a keg of beer afteranced spirit of independence is the a majority of three will hardly cover ward, he would have to be on hand. present and the constant need. The the percentage of loss from sickness As soon as nominated there would supreme mistake is to regard party and disability. Even if the territo- be no more heelers running after him, alliance as the foe of independence ries should add an unbroken band and a nomination meant election by We will venture the statement that, on the other hand, the only indepeneous purpose.-[Greenfield, Mass., was speaker, or will have changes Scott was the more popular and the Gazette and Courier, republican.

THE AUSTRALIAN SYSTEM.

The Australian ballot system was tried in Massachusetts on Tuesday. The following quotations from editorial comments of leading newspapers show that the success of the Australian system is conceded and its operation endorsed unreservedly by the press of both political parties: Will Never Be Repealed.

It was a grand success. There was expressed a nearly unanimous sentiment of approval by the voters. It will be amended, but it will not be wood barring their way, and a good repealed .- [Boston Advertiser, re-

Auspicious Inauguration. The election yesterday had many gratifying features, but in some senses the most gratifying of auguration of the Australian ballot reform, for it makes all other reforms

easier.-[Boston Globe, democratic. Expectations More Than Realized. It is no exaggeration to say that all the advantages predicted for this reform are more than realized in its other dog to eat us up?" operation, and that the result of the test even surpasses the expectation of its advocates. \* \* There seems to have been no difficulty attending he suddenly observed: the operation of the new method, and there is no reason to think that any considerable number of errors occurred through unfamiliarity with the process. Indeed, the reform ballot act has proved its excellence at the start .- [Boston Post, democratic.

Polling Places Transformed. The Australian ballot plan is not only destined to be a permanent ed for alderman of this ward." method in Massachusetts; but, after the practically unanimous indorsegiven to it, it cannot fail to be speed- | you had a more level head than that, ily incorporated into the electorial in spite of all your mistakes.' methods of the other states of the Union. \* \* The polling places, with noisy and importunate solic- a more level head than I do!" itors of votes, the elector found the polling places as quiet and orderly as a well regulated office, in which he could transact the business that called him there without the least inconvenience.-[Boston Herald, indepen-Other States Must Follow.

objections of those who had imag- must be ready to sacrifice. ined that the new methods would Also it should be remarked in can- ing. \* \* It is safe to say that this have been selected above all others! dor that those who are influential in system has come to stay. If politi- Because honors have been thrust upcontrolling the plans and policy of cians of either party who are incom- on me! Mrs. Bowser, you have nev the republican party, from a nation- moded by some features of the new | er appreciated the man you married, alstand-point, must look to it sharp- method have imagined that they and you probably never will." ly that the causes for discontent and | could invent a pretext for a successlack of interest, which were unfortu- ful assault upon it, they may as well | think it is a put-up job to get money nately operative to some extent on abandon the idea. The people will out of you, and I know what a gang Tuesday in Massachusetts, as well be impatient with any such enter- will be running here after you. It's as in Ohio and Iowa, be removed. prises after yesterday's experiment. your own affair, however. Don't

pulse to the ballot reform movement in other states. The test in this to me! I can plainly see why some system substantially like ours, say you brought it about.' Parties or Legislatures or Governors who persistently oppose themselves he left the house the next morning I to this reform will go down before it. prepared for visitors, and I was not -[Boston Journal, republican.

Where Women Can Vote. All manner of evils and discomforts of election disappear in the use of this system. There are no possible frauds of deceiving tickets, headed 'republican" and cunningly concealing democratic nominations, or vice versa; no "selling out," no "com-' no "deals," such as did so much in New York toward electing Harrison and Hill last fall,-none of these things is possible. The independent voter does not have to hunt for "pasters," or cut out names from one ballot to stick upon another. The voting places are not littered with torn and trampled tickets, and the absence of the "workers" contributes freedom from pools of tobacco spittle on the floor and from rum-laden air.

There is another important result from this new thing-it makes the polls a place where women can vote without molestation, insult or discomfort, and so removes a serious obstacle to women's acceptation of suffrage, and to men's willingness-to give it to them. Many a man, as he watched the voting yesterday, in fiercer than ever. As for the election | this city, at least, must have had the thought flash into his mind that woman could now exercise the franed demonstration that by nature chise without an affront to her delicacy or self-respect. And it would that is needed is the touch, the not be strange if he had gone on to reflect on the absurdity of excluding the best half of the community from so orderly and agreeable, as well as The long and short of it is that the administration has been severely republican, independent.

### THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Hon. Thomas B. Reed of Maine, one of the foremost men in the national House of Representatives, calls the day a ward heeler rang the bell, I'll try and get you a nice long icicle. attention most forcibly, in the North | and when he wasn't ringing, it was American Review, to the almost absolute power which a small minority other contract. Every evening the in that body now has to obstruct business, and prevent a given question from coming to a vote, by means of calling for the yeas and nays, and the reading of bills which nobody averets will ever pass. There seems that the reading of bills which nobody averets will ever pass. There seems the seems that the bell him to the politicians laying plans and guzzling down my currant wine, and on three nights Mr. Bowling and Summerville. Also farms, both large and Summerville. Also farms, both large and small near St. Johnsbury and in the reading of bills which nobody and "see the boys." On the large and small near St. Johnsbury and in the reading of bills which nobody and "see the boys." On the large and Summerville. We have the large and Summerville was about. No better time to buy than the reading of bills which nobody are the boys. There seems the plans and guzzling down my currant with the reading of bills which nobody and "see the boys." On the large and summerville. Also farms, both large and Summerville was about. No better time to buy than the reading of bills which nobody are the plans and guzzling down my currant with the reading of bills which nobody are the plans and guzzling down my currant with the reading of bills which nobody are the plans and guzzling down my currant with the plans and guzzling down my currant with the plant wi in that body now has to obstruct house was full of politicians laving expects will ever pass. There seems | last night I had to help him up stairs, no doubt that these rules, originally and the tears rolled down his cheeks passed to protect the rights of the as he whimpered: minority, are now so abused that | "Shay, Mrs. Bowser, it just breaks they ought to be modified so that my heart to shee how e'r people love the will of the majority can no longer me. They cry f'r me, and-I cry f'r be absolutely thwarted as is now | zhem!

often done. Mr. Reed says: No quality is rarer in political The next House will contain no the caucus was held to nominate. affairs than genuine independence. large and successful majority tempt- Mr. Bowser said he would go So common is the counterfeit that ed by its largeness and success to ride through by acclamation, but as the the term has taken to itself a sort of over the minority. Thus far, the boys would expect some sort of and to believe that the virtue we of five, there will then be but three alarge majority. I didn't say much, commend is only possible to him who above a quorum, which is hardly but I felt pretty sure how it would

stands aloof from party connections. enough for business, let alone tyran-come out. Undoubtedly, some effort will be home. He was running. He also dence which is of any sort of value is made next December to change the breathed hard and looked white. that which acts along with an appre- rules so that business can be done ciation of the value of party organi- and the scandals of the last Congress | now?" I asked as he banged into zation to effect the advance of right avoided. I ought not to have writ- the hall. principles and fit men. It stands ten the words, "to change the rules," within the party, exerts its utmost for that conveys an entirely incorrect influence to bring about wise party idea. No rules will have to be changaction, pure methods and right nomi- ed, for the new House will have no nations, and in such instances as rules. What should have been writ- happened. You act as if you had these fail to be accomplished, weighs ten is that there will be an effort to met a ghost and lost your senses." well its objections to settle whether establish rules which will facilitate they are merely personal or are sound the public business-rules unlike tion!" he whispered, his knees quakobjections, and if the unfitness of those of the present House, which ing so that he had to sit down on a nomination be apparent steps fear- only delay and frustrate action. chair lessly outside party lines at that Whetherthe new rules will simply go point and for a distinct and right- back to the days before Mr. Randall

would be, nobody but the House can say; but the people of the country ought with one voice to help and support any honest effort to do business, and to shorten congressional

The House will meet without rules, and must make them. They must be you, Mr. Bowser." made by the majority of the House, for no one else can by any possibility make them. To suppose that the opposition will refuse to do their legislative duty unless they can dictate the rules is the wildest dream of down the vicious opposition. You parliamentary insurrection that ever presented itself to human vision.

### BOWSER FOR ALDERMAN.

WARD HEELERS GET HIS MONEY AND HIS WIFE'S CURRANT WINE.

"Well, what do think?" queried across the supper table one evening. "You-you haven't been and bought another horse, Mr. Bowser?' "Horse! Can't you think of anything but horse? I suppose you'll throw that horse up to me to your

"I'm so glad you have decided not to buy another. Is it some more chickens, or a new fire escape, or an-

He turned pale and refused to say another word for two hours. Then he could hold himself no longer, and "I suppose you will feel proud of

the title of Mrs. Alderman Bowser?" "What do you mean?" "Just what I say. You are soon to be known as Mrs. Alderman Bow-

"Are you going to run for office?" "I am. It was all settled this afternoon. I am going to be nominat-"Mr. Bowser, is it possible that you are going to let them lead you ment the people of this state have into any such foolishness! I thought

"My mistakes?" he shouted. "I never made one in my life, except particularly in this city, were trans- when I married you! Level head! formed. Instead of a room filled I'd like to see some one who carries "And so you are going to be alder-

"If I live."

"But what for?" "Because it is the wish of the people. My country calls. The commitconcluded that I was not only the [Life. The result of the first trial of the best man for the office, but the only Australian system is such as to con- one who stood any show against the firm the most sanguine expectations vicious opposition. It is a sacrifice of its advocates, and to remove the on my part, but the true patriot

prove to be difficult and confus- "So sorry! For what? Because I

"Well, I shan't say any more. I "There you go! Always opposed

consistent course in the coming Con- state was made with all the essen- men never get along. If I had a wife gress along the lines approved by the tial features of the Australian sys-like some I know of I'd have been people so heartily a year ago, of tem; and the voters of the other governor of the state long ago. I'm wonderful animal. He has eyes, tariff revision, civil-service and elec- states of the Union-certainly in the going to run, however, and after I'm ears, mouth. His ears are mostly tion reform. - [Boston Advertiser, re- | North-will not rest until they have | elected you'll be just mean enough to I didn't say any more. As soon as

prepared for visitors, and I was not disappointed. He was hardly out of

"Is Bowser home?"

"No, sir." "Gets out pretty early, doesn't he? Leave any money for me?"

"He didn't, eh? Purty specimen of a candidate he is! Expects us to

"Who are you, sir?"
"Who are I?" he repeated as he slanted his hat a little more and spat overhis shoulder. "I'm the party as carries this ward in his vest pocket, am, and if old Bowse don't cum down liberally he gets left. Tell him to come and see me.'

Nine times that forenoon I answered the bell to find a ward heeler or some other sort of political parasite on the doorstep. One of them even went so far as to ask me to pledge Mr. Bowser to vote for him to run one of the City hall elevators. There were three others waiting for him to buy it .- [Texas Siftings. when he got home to dinner, and I saw him give them money. Hecame in excited and jubilant, and when I

'Let the dear people come! They know that I am the man to do all I can for them if I am elected, and elected I shall be as sure as the sun | for us."-[Harper's Bazar. rises on the day. What do you think? I was talking with a prominent man belonging to the opposition and he said it would be no use for his party to put up a man against

me. Bowser stock is way up, hey? For a week I lived in a state of miserable agitation. Every hour in some man who wanted a sewer or

This went on for a week, and then

Along about 9 o'clock he came

"G-gone!" he gasped. "How gone?"

"Gone up." "Mr. Bowser, tell me what has

"Why didn't you?" "Because they concluded that Mr. more or less important than this stronger man."

"What! That cross-eyed loafer who was arrested only last week for

whipping his wife?" We looked at each other for a long time without speaking. Then I said: "I thought the dear people loved

"You were to be selected above all

others and honors thrust upon you.' "Your country calls upon you to

were the patriot who was ready to sacrifice himself.' "How much has this experience

"Four hundred." "Well, you have made a fool of yourself, and I hope it will be a les-Mr. Bowser, as he looked up at me son to you. You'd better go to bed." "I-I guess I will!"

cost you?'

bed, and exclaimed: "Look here, old lady, I hope you feel better, having accomplished your villainous object!

At midnight he woke up, sat up in

"What do you mean?" "I mean that you defeated me in the caucus! Everybody knows you, and this opportunity for revenge could not be passed over. Mrs. Bowser, you have gone a step too far! Tomorrow I shall consult a lawyer about divorce proceedings!

"Go to sleep." "Yes I'll go to sleep, but don't imbgine I shall forget or overlook your aase duplicity. I have borne and borne, but this is the end!" Next morning, however, he made

some of his party made him believe that he had been withdrawn in the interests of harmony he came home one day to observe: "I hear that my name is being mentioned for mayor, but I shan't take the nomination. I prefer to be

no reference to the matter, and as

Free Press. CHILDREN'S SAYINGS AND WRIT-

a plain, humble citizen."-[Detroit

A small boy required to write a sentence containing the word "hominy," produced the following: Hominy marbles have you?'

The Teacher-"Anonymous means without a name; write a sentence showing you understand how to use the word." Small girl (writes)tee have canvassed the ward and "Our new baby is anonymous."-

"Ferment means to work," said the teacher to the language class. "Now each of you write a sentence containing the word." This is what Tommy Cumso, who reads the papers, wrote: "Tramps do not like to ferment."-[Time.

musician was enterta visitor with some songs. When she aback by her little friend saying anx-"Your voice is cracked You ought to have something done for it."-[September Wide-Awake.

The following is an extract from a real composition written by a small school boy in New Jersey. The subject given by the teacher was the extensive one of "Man" Here's what the small boy wrote: "Man is a earache. The nose is to get sniffles with. A man's body is split half way up, and he walks on the split ends."-[Lippincott's Magaline, Scene, primary department, Union

sight before the bell rang, and I open- school. Teacher, testing by examed the door to find a dirty looking ples pupils' understanding of the fellow, with his hat on his ear, who asked:

physical kingdoms, holds up an apple and asks a ministerial kid, "To what kingdom does this belong?"
Answer: "To the vegetable kingdom." Question—holding up a bit of metal: "To what kingdom does this belong?" Answer: "The mineral kingdom." Question: "To what kingdom do you belong?" do all the figurin' for nuthin', does | Answer: "To the kingdom of heaven!" Sensation among the kids. -[Montpelier Watchman.

ALLEGED HUMOR.

Written with Our Five Dollar Shears. The New Spitz. He-"That's a handsomedog you have there. What breed is it?" Boston High-School Graduate (embarrassed)—"That!

that's a saliva dog."-[Life. A correspondent wants to know where he can buy a century plant. The Century plant is located on Union square, New York, but we don't believe you have money enough

Nota Leap-Year Proposal. Young Widow-"Mr. Preachly will you marry me?" Mr. Preachly-"Well, told him what had occurred he re- really, Mrs. Buckner, this is so sudden, and-" Young Widow-"Oh, well, take your time to think it over. Mr. Harkins and I thought we'd like to have you perform the ceremony

Small boy—Say, dad, I wish you'd get me a bicycle. Old man—Can't afford it, my son, Rent too high, coal too dear. Besides, I don't want yon to break your neck. Small boy -Well, then, a tricycle. Old man-Can't do it. But I'll tell you what you can have. When winter comes [The youngster is pacified.]-[Grip.

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